

September 2003
Potato Creek State Park
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PLEASE NOTE: Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee. All programs begin promptly at scheduled times. Times are Eastern Standard, not Daylight Savings.

PARENTS: Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/parks/potatocreek.html

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2003



- 10:00 a.m. SPIDERS!!** - Could you make a web? Find out how it's done as we take a look at these fascinating creatures. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 12:30 p.m. PARK PATCH PROGRAM** - Find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park. Ages 5 and up. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. ATTRACTING BIRDS TO YOUR BACKYARD** - Enjoy this colorful video and pick up some tips on how to make your yard wildlife friendly. 50 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2003

- 10:00 a.m. STINKY STUFF** - From skunks to snakes, learn about the critters that stink, and why. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 12:30 p.m. PARK PATCH PROGRAM** - Find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park. Ages 5 and up. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. BEAVER TALES** - Discover some fascinating facts about nature's engineers and their lives. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2003

- 10:00 a.m. TURTLE, TURTLE, TURTLE!** - Come out of your shell and learn about our armored friends. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 12:30 p.m. PARK PATCH PROGRAM** - Find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park. Ages 5 and up. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. BLOODSUCKERS** - Facts about ticks, mosquitoes and more. Bite into this program before they bite you! 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

- 10:00 a.m. CEMETERY HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION** - Join us as we dedicate a State Historical Marker honoring the unique characteristics of this small rural cemetery located within the park. 45 minutes. **MEET: PORTER REA CEMETERY**
- 12:30 p.m. PARK PATCH PROGRAM** - Find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park. Ages 5 and up. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. THE PRE HISTORY OF THE AREA** - Learn about how previous inhabitants of the area lived and some of the clues they left behind in this special talk given by State Archaeologist, Bill Mangold **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 2-5 p.m. CHAT WITH AN ARCHAEOLOGIST** - A State Archaeologist will be on hand to look at and identify any artifacts, arrowheads, etc you would like to bring in or just answer your questions. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2003

- 10:00 a.m. **THE BUZZ ON BEES** - Explore the amazing world of the honeybee during this talk. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 12:30 p.m. **PARK PATCH PROGRAM** - Find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park. Ages 5 and up. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **WHO'S AFRAID...?** - Potato Creek's predators will be the focus of this great program. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2003

- 10:00 a.m. **BIRD ID BASICS** - Pick up some tips on identifying birds in an indoor session and then practice at our window. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 12:30 p.m. **PARK PATCH PROGRAM** - Find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park. Ages 5 and up. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **REPTILE REVIEW** - Learn a little about reptiles and then meet one up close and personal! 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2003

- 12:30 p.m. **PARK PATCH PROGRAM** - Find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park. Ages 5 and up. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **TREE ID SPREE** - Learn how to identify trees by their leaves in this hands-on program. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2003

- 10:00 a.m. **LEAF PRINTS** - Capture the beauty of fall by making a colorful leaf print. Bring a washed T-shirt to decorate or use our paper. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 12:30 p.m. **PARK PATCH PROGRAM** - Find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park. Ages 5 and up. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **STORMY WEATHER** - Create a storm, from start to finish, inside and out. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 7:00 p.m. **MAKIN' TRACKS** - Come see us at Barnes & Noble Booksellers and take part in this special program on animal tracks at this book fair. Grape Road, Mishawaka. (Not in park)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2003

- 10:00 a.m. **SUPERBIRDS - BIRDS OF PREY** - Sink your talons into a program on our local raptors. 30 minutes. - **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 12:30 p.m. **PARK PATCH PROGRAM** - Find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park. Ages 5 and up. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **TRACKING SECRETS REVEALED** - Learn tips on spotting wildlife before they spot you. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



Fall Nature Center Hours (Beginning Sept. 6)
Weekends: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (E.S.T.)
Monday, Thursday & Friday: Noon - 4:00 p.m.
CLOSED: Tuesday & Wednesday

